

NO BED OF ROSES IS JOURNALISTS' SCHOOL

Of Sixty Candidates in 1912, Only Twenty Survive Arduous Trials, Report Shows.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The tests and tribulations provided for the School of Journalism, reporter, this reaction to them and the expectation that he will rise triumphant above all difficulties and become the shining light of the newspaper profession, find expression in the annual report of Dr. Talcott Williams, director, to the president of Columbia University. After a three years' trial Dr. Williams is convinced that a program of studies has been arranged, the completion of which will swing wide open to the fortunate possessor of the degree of bachelor of literature in Journalism the gateways leading to journalistic success.

That the path leading to this degree, however, and all the other prospects which spread before its holders are not strewn with roses, Dr. Williams hastens to make clear. The present fourth year class, he points out, is the first which has had the advantage of the curriculum of the school from the start. How roughly it has been handled is indicated by the fact that only a fifth of those who were candidates for admission in September, 1912, survive of sixty men who took the entrance examinations three years ago, twenty were admitted to the school and seven are still left in the race for fame. Of eighteen men admitted as non-matriculants only two remain. Of nine women admitted to Harvard as students of Journalism four remain.

Low Salary Acts As Check.
Dr. Williams cools himself for this heavy mortality by stating that it is usual in the early stages of any education, and also by explaining that the "lower level of pay in the calling of the newspaper reduces the number who persevere to the end." This low salary check also, according to Dr. Williams, "increases the proportion of those of narrow means who turn to a curriculum which gives a professional degree at the end of four years from the high school." But he sees light ahead, and predicts that "the advance in the pay of the journalist will soon give the necessary economic base for a longer training." In other words, he foresees a time when it will take five, six, or even seven years to turn out a school of Journalism reporter. Now it takes only four.

Those who have been surprised at the difficulty of the School of Journalism reporter will have occasion to rub their eyes in astonishment when they learn that it is only the handful of students in the fourth year who are allowed to be practical reporters. The large number of students in the lower years are never allowed to roam further than the sheltering walls of the Journalism building. It is a hunt for matter to turn into "copy."

Practice and Theory At Odds.
An interesting part of the report is Dr. Williams' reflections upon the fact that those who enter the School of Journalism after practical experience in newspaper offices in a large measure fail in their efforts to achieve the same degree of theoretical Journalism. This failure, he says, is not due to lack of ability. It is due to the wicked editors who set them to dissipating their energies when they were young. He says:

"The failure of so large a share of those who entered as non-matriculants on the basis of newspaper experience is due neither to lack of ability or lack of success in their newspaper work before they entered the school. Their work has been well done. The men in writing and in capacity were decidedly above the average. Their newspaper experience had given them confidence and penetration, a wide and personal knowledge of the workings of society, an acquaintance with its social and political structure and a practical familiarity with its affairs."

First Year Hard.
But the first years of a young newspaper man are disastrous to the last degree. Events prescribe a new task daily. No topic is completed. The hours are disastrously long. No systematic information is acquired. Only the most diligent can study. These make progress sound but amazing. They combine the fruits of the laboratory of books and the laboratory of life. They have both experience and expression. They are sought, honored and advanced in every newspaper office. The student does not study, and they are many. He has a life in audience between six and twenty-two or so, which is a tedious training for the development of the mind. A large share of the confusion of many newspaper men that the public wants is the result of the fact that in their first years these were their daily tasks and came to assume, as do the indolent tasks of all, an extravagant value.

Chinaman Marries Girl He Can't Even Talk To

CLEVELAND, Dec. 3.—Though Chin Wah, Chinese, and Mary Vaskabine, Hungarian, could talk to each other only through interpreters, they made love and got married. Justice Zouf officiating.

MANY ACES AND PAINS COME FROM SICK KIDNEYS

New Uric Acid Solvent Quickly Relieves All Such Troubles.

The greater part of all sickness can be avoided by keeping the kidneys working properly. This is as important as keeping the bowels moving regularly, because the kidneys and bladder are the filters and sewers of the body. It is their duty to clean the blood and keep it pure. Not to make new blood—the food we eat does that—but to remove from the blood impurities that have gathered up during its passage through the body. All the blood in the body passes through the kidneys once every three minutes. There it is filtered, and when the kidneys are healthy, they remove about 200 grains of impure matter daily; but if for any cause this cleansing process is interfered with, the evil effects of the poisons retained in the system soon are manifest. Though the kidneys were the first cause of the trouble, it does not follow that the symptoms experienced will be connected with them; for the poisons having been carried into the general circulation, they will affect the body in generally the first to break down. Here then we have the cause of very many cases of rheumatism, stone, dropsy, gravel, urinary troubles, backaches, headaches, swollen joints, and a number of other every-day complaints.

It will readily be seen, then, that there will be disease so long as waste matter remains in the system. Before the patient can be cured this waste matter must be cleared out of the system; the blood must be purified and so made to impart full strength and vigor to every part of the body.

It was to meet just these conditions that the new prescription, Solvax, was placed on the market. Solvax is more than just a kidney remedy. It is made up of a number of quick-acting but thoroughly safe ingredients that aim to reach the seat of all kidney and bladder trouble and all painful disorders that are a direct or indirect result of clogged-up or improperly working kidneys. Solvax overcomes the very worst cases because it removes the cause. You will find the results entirely different from anything you have ever used. There is nothing else to compare with it. It doesn't matter how old you are or how long you have suffered. Solvax will show results.

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PHOTOPLAYS AND PHOTOPLAYERS

By GARDNER MACK.

Donaldson Tells Why He Changed All His Features To Build Up a Character.

There have been many interviews with actors and actresses regarding various phases of the work they are called upon to do in motion pictures, but few of them have been quoted regarding the matter of make-up. Make-up is a very important thing in motion picture work. It is so entirely different from the make-up used on the stage, and the poor appearance of many stage stars the first time they play a motion picture engagement can frequently be traced to their lack of knowledge of photographic make-up.

The visualization of a character makes necessary the most detailed make-up of the actor in many cases. And the method of make-up must be very carefully worked out or the line of the camera will lay bare its flaws. It therefore happens that make-up becomes a most important thing, and character make-up of extreme importance. Arthur Donaldson, of the Lubin forces, has recently achieved some little celebrity among his professional friends through an example of make-up used by him in a new photoplay called "The Ghost of Twin Oaks," in which he played the part of a negro of a fanatic sect. He completely changed his features for the character, and many of his most intimate friends—actors themselves, too—could not believe that Arthur Donaldson actually played the part. The puzzling part of that make-up is the teeth, said he. "It is very difficult for me to convey my friends that this character is really myself. They ask me to open my mouth and show my teeth, which do not at all agree with the teeth and the make-up. Naturally, the teeth are false. I made them myself in the laboratory of a friend of mine who is a dentist. From a dentist supply house I had him get me some very large teeth. Then with that particular dental was that hardens soon after heat leaves it. I made a soft foundation over my own teeth and implanted the false teeth in the wax while it was yet warm. This set of false teeth changed the appearance of my mouth completely because they not only protruded, but they stretched my mouth so much that I had difficulty in speaking."

The width and flatness of the nose is another feature that puzzles my friends. To get this result I took a couple of small pieces of modeling clay, and hollowed them out. A hole was drilled in each for breathing purposes, and I inserted the tubes in my nostrils. "The high cheek bones I obtained by first building a support composed of ordinary cotton stock with spirit gum over this I spread newspaper and worked it into the cotton so that it became a substantial mass, then I smoothed it off and applied the pigment. The head covering is an ordinary table cover which I found in the property room. It is a piece of white material, I purposely kept the general skin color somewhat light for photographic reasons; ordinarily the countenance of a blue gum negro would be a trifle darker, and were I playing the part on the stage it would have been darker."

Fisheries Ships Idle As Result of Shortage

Because of lack of coal and other supplies, the big Bureau of Fisheries steamer Albatross is standing idle in San Francisco harbor at present.

The Government, both actual and economic, the steamer Grampus at New York is in the same condition. Both vessels have full crews, on board who are paid for a year's work whether the vessel is in service or not. The Albatross, the biggest of the entire fleet, was idle for five months last year. This year it was laid up October 1, and will be idle until July 1, unless an urgent deficiency appropriation is made by Congress.

It is estimated by the Department of Commerce, that \$10,000 would keep both vessels in service for the rest of the year.

Women of Pribiloff Isles Will Be Taught Weaving

Native women of the Pribiloff Islands are to be taught to weave baskets, hats and other articles from a grass of fine texture found on the islands.

As soon as the Panama canal is opened, Secretary of Commerce Redfield stated today, the steamer Roosevelt will make her way from Norfolk to the Pribiloff group to carry educators to the natives. It is believed the grass will make hats to rival the now famous Panama, as well as baskets and other articles of exceptional quality.

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SAYS AUSTRIAN PAID FOR FALSE AFFIDAVIT

Dr. Ritter Declares He Received \$500 For Testimony in Lusitania Case.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 3.—That he was paid \$500, for swearing to an affidavit that the Lusitania carried 600 tons of gun-cotton at the instance of Ernest Ludwig, local Austro-Hungarian consul, was the statement made by Dr. Emerich W. Ritter, alias Rettig, in his cell today. He made a statement of his relations with various foreign officials in this country, saying that he was now penniless and forsaken by those he aided.

In his affidavit, which Ritter claims was taken last June in the presence of Baron Zwiedeneck, now acting Austrian ambassador to the United States, he asserted that 600 tons of gun-cotton was shipped from Cleveland, Ohio, to the Lusitania's master, Ritter said he learned this by personal investigation for which Ludwig furnished the money. Ludwig today admitted paying Ritter \$500.

The money Ritter got from the Austro-Hungarian consulate here was for his services and expenses, not for his affidavit, Ludwig said. George Pfeleberger, of a law firm which drew up the affidavit, agreed with Ludwig.

Ritter said that on April 25, he was called to Washington by the British embassy and asked what effect salt water would have if it came in contact with gun-cotton. He said he told them one kind of gun-cotton would explode under such circumstances.

Ritter was given money by H. E. Gresham, British vice-consul here, when he approached in an effort to disprove of his "blood fire" invention. Gresham today said the money he gave Ritter was "small loans."

He tried to sell me information," said Gresham.

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BURY 18 VICTIMS OF DU PONT EXPLOSION

Services for Other Twelve Killed in Disaster to Be Held Next Tuesday.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 3.—Eighteen of the thirty victims of the explosion of the Hazy yards have been identified and are being buried from their homes and the morgue.

The funeral expenses are being paid by the du Pont Company. Tuesday afternoon has been set by the Rev. William H. Laird, of Immanuel Episcopal Church, for the joint funeral of the twelve unidentified bodies.

One hundred and twenty applicants for positions as guards at the various plants of the powder company were being examined at the du Pont building today. Nothing has been learned as to the cause of the explosion.

Calls Old Men Silly in Leaving Rockefeller

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. 3.—"To me there is nothing more to be avoided in old men than the notion that they are as young and brisk and bright as they were when they were young," declared J. M. Howers, recently head of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, in explaining why he has resigned a \$20,000 a year position with the Rockefeller interests.

"They learn to run automobiles and go scotching at a forty-mile clip, taking chances that younger men would avoid if they happen to have married a young wife they are pretty sure to be on dress parade most of the time or one or the other laid up nursing a groan."

"Old men are generally silly or irritable and the Lord preserves me from being silly, so I decided to avoid it. I have been married a long time, and what I do hereafter in active business will be for fun and not for any other consideration."

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